

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected. Applicant requests consideration of the following remarks and allowance of the claims.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-20 stand rejected for double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,781,679. Applicant has filed herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection.

35 U.S.C. 102(e) Rejection

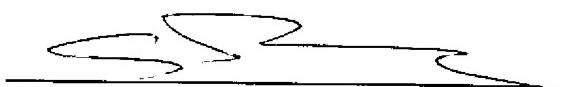
Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,781,679. The rejection is traversed in view of the above mentioned terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore solicits their allowance.

The Applicant believes no additional fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine additional fees are necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 210765.

Respectfully submitted,



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